...mbay Gazette.

...AY :—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1874.

...ADVERTISEMENTS.

...TO ... AND THE WESTERN ...

...NOTICE ... The S.S. PERSIA will ... SATURDAY, ... next.

... Passengers are requested to be on board by ...

C. GORDON,
Agent, Sabadeny Steam Navigation Company.

STEAM TO CARWAR AND GOASE.

THE well-known and Fast Sailing ... PILLOE, ... Brandy, Master, will leave on FRIDAY, the 2nd December, ... for Passage or Freight apply to the Purser on board, or to A. C. GUMPERT, Agent, Sabadeny Steam Navigation Company, Bombay.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On ... from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S.S. DELHI, 2,256 tons and 400 H.P., Captain G. Lee, ... be despatched as above, carrying H. ... 's Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any Shroff's opinion, the officer's receipt for which is not to be ... Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 3rd Oct. 1874.

F. D. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 23rd September 1874.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE via SUEZ CANAL.

THE First-class Steamer MEMFI, ... Master, will be despatched for TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL, on or about the ... October, 1874. This Steamer has only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

	Cabin.	Deck with Food
To Port Said	£40	£25-0
To Brindisi	£50	£32-0
To Trieste	£60	£38-0

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to ... the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

28, Bombay Green, opposite the Custom House, 15th Sep 1874.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES per s. s. FERN.

TOWER are hereby informed of the arrival of the Vessel and requested to TAKE DELIVERY AT ONCE of their respective GOODS. No Claim of any kind will be paid after the departure of the Steamer, unless it be previously passed by the Captain.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 26th September 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS & CO.,
BROKERS OF STORES.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 4 o'clock, at their Rooms, Meadow Street, No. 16, ... handkerchiefs, Fancy Buttons, Coloured Hats, Mercadoes, Prints, Madrassahs, Shirtings and 1 Case Memo Cloths, 2 Cases Scotches, 2 Cases Cotton Velvets, 2 and 4 R. Bags, 3 Cases Tape, 3 Cases Red Paper Window Curtain.

4 Cases Scotches.
4 Cases Navy 24 by 57.
2 Cases Navy 27 by 30.
100 Cases Sherry.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDAS & Co.

Bombay, 30th September 1874.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

TO-MORROW, Thursday, the 1st October, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above premises, the following Goods, viz.:—

100 Bales Grey Shirtings.
50 Cases White Shirtings.
50 Cases Printed Jaconets & Assorted Dawookhanies.
100 Bales Handkerchiefs, assorted.
10 Cases Assorted Cloths.
1 Case Assorted Cambrics.
1 Case Assorted Ladies' Prints.
1 Bale Assorted Muslins.
1 Case Assorted Mohair Lustres.
1 Case Assorted Moreens, Lovelis—
4 Cases White Shirtings.
1 Case Assorted Cambrics & Alabeedy Dawookhanies—
100 Bales Handkerchiefs, assorted.
10 Cases Assorted Cloths.
1 Case Assorted Ladies' Prints.

At 2 o'clock at the Town Custom House.

On account of the Underwriters.

1 S.P. Wad—1 Case Mangled Cotton cuff Piece Goods ex ...

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 30th September 1874.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

PARSEE ... and Inward Piece Goods at the Godowns of ... Nowrojee & Sons Parsee Bazar Street, Fort.

THIS ... WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 o'clock, ... Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at ... Godowns, ... Parsee Bazar Street, Fort, next door to Messrs. Sorabjee Bulloomal & Co., ... consisting of 1,000 Bales Grey Jaconets, ... and 4 Bales Grey Lenos.

Also, 1 Case of Navy shirtings.
... Cases Assorted Printed Dhoties.
... and 10 Cases and 50 Bales Figure Bordered Dhoties.
... Cases Assorted Purple Cambrics.
... Cases Orange, Green and Purple Cambrics.
... Cases Grey Shirtings.

... Cases Scotches.
... Cases Printed Jaconets.
... Cases Assorted Prints.
... Cases Grey Shirtings.

... SALE of valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, ... Glassware, Silver Plated Rich Crockery and Glassware, ... at the Residence of Mr. ... Malabar Hill.

... ROW, THURSDAY, the 1st prox., at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at his Residence, at the above-mentioned place, the valuable and Elegant Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelain Ware, &c., the property of Colonel S. Thacker, the same comprises a set of handsome rosewood drawing room suite, ... chairs, ... tables, ... Brussels carpets, ... Venetian screens, ... Kidderminster carpets, ... Axminster carpets, ... Persian carpets, ... Turkey carpets, ... Indian carpets, ... Chinese carpets, ... Japanese carpets, ... European carpets, ... American carpets, ... Australian carpets, ... African carpets, ... Asiatic carpets, ... Oriental carpets, ... Occidental carpets, ... Boudoir carpets, ... Parlour carpets, ... Dining room carpets, ... Bedroom carpets, ... Hall carpets, ... Staircase carpets, ... Landing carpets, ... Passage carpets, ... Verandah carpets, ... Balcony carpets, ... Terrace carpets, ... Garden carpets, ... Lawn carpets, ... Park carpets, ... Field carpets, ... Forest carpets, ... Jungle carpets, ... Desert carpets, ... Mountain carpets, ... Valley carpets, ... River carpets, ... Lake carpets, ... Sea carpets, ... Ocean carpets, ... Island carpets, ... Continent carpets, ... World carpets, ... Universe carpets, ... Heaven carpets, ... Hell carpets, ... Purgatory carpets, ... Limbo carpets, ... Nirvana carpets, ... Moksha carpets, ... Samsara carpets, ... Maya carpets, ... Brahma carpets, ... Vishnu carpets, ... Shiva carpets, ... Ganesha carpets, ... Hanuman carpets, ... Krishna carpets, ... Rama carpets, ... Sita carpets, ... Lakshmi carpets, ... Saraswati carpets, ... Durga carpets, ... Kali carpets, ... Parvati carpets, ... Uma carpets, ... Gauri carpets, ... Annapurna carpets, ... Bhavani carpets, ... Chandi carpets, ... Mahakali carpets, ... Tara carpets, ... Bhairavi carpets, ... Tripura carpets, ... Shodashi carpets, ... Dhumavati carpets, ... Bagalamukhi carpets, ... Matangi carpets, ... Kamala carpets, ... Chinnamasta carpets, ... Dasamahavidya carpets, ... Mahavidya carpets, ... Shakti carpets, ... Devi carpets, ... Goddess carpets, ... Female carpets, ... Woman carpets, ... Girl carpets, ... Daughter carpets, ... Sister carpets, ... Wife carpets, ... Mother carpets, ... Grandmother carpets, ... Great-grandmother carpets, ... Ancestor carpets, ... Descendant carpets, ... Offspring carpets, ... Progeny carpets, ... Issue carpets, ... Heir carpets, ... Successor carpets, ... Predecessor carpets, ... Forefather carpets, ... Foremother carpets, ... Elder carpets, ... Younger carpets, ... Youth carpets, ... Child carpets, ... Infant carpets, ... Baby carpets, ... Toddler carpets, ... Crawler carpets, ... Newborn carpets, ... Stillborn carpets, ... Miscarriage carpets, ... Abortion carpets, ... Foetus carpets, ... Embryo carpets, ... Zygote carpets, ... Blastocyst carpets, ... Morula carpets, ... Blastula carpets, ... Gastrula carpets, ... Neurula carpets, ... Somite carpets, ... Notochord carpets, ... Neural tube carpets, ... Neural crest carpets, ... Neural plate carpets, ... Neural groove carpets, ... Neural fold carpets, ... Neural ridge carpets, ... Neural tube defect carpets, ... Spina bifida carpets, ... Anencephaly carpets, ... Encephalocele carpets, ... Hydrocephalus carpets, ... Microcephaly carpets, ... Macrocephaly carpets, ... Megalencephaly carpets, ... Lissencephaly carpets, ... Polymicrogyria carpets, ... Schizencephaly carpets, ... Holoprosencephaly carpets, ... Agenesis of the corpus callosum carpets, ... Dandy-Walker malformation carpets, ... Arnold-Chiari malformation carpets, ... Joubert syndrome carpets, ... Meckel syndrome carpets, ... Lissencephaly carpets, ... Pachygyria carpets, ... Agyria carpets, ... Microgyria carpets, ... Schizencephaly carpets, ... Porencephaly carpets, ... Hydranencephaly carpets, ... Septo-optic dysplasia carpets, ... Arhinencephaly carpets, ... Hydrocephalus carpets, ... Aqueductal stenosis

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY EVENING, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1874.

YESTERDAY having been a holiday in Liverpool there was no Cotton market, but this morning's report comes quiet and unchanged, probable sales 12,000 bales, imports 6,000.

The American figures are somewhat significant, the receipts at the ports on Saturday being 8,000 bales and on Monday 13,000, giving no reason to look for any diminution from last year's crop.

Consols this morning opened at 92¼, French Rentes at 99¾, a decline of ⅛, and Bar Silver at 58 11/16d., an advance of 1/16d. per oz. These quotations are not so much in favour of the Home Money Market as might have been expected from the precious day's advices, a payment of £51,000 into the Bank of England and a decline of 2s. per quarter in Wheat having been advised; but it should be borne in mind that for money to keep at its present level at this time of the year is of itself an indication of extreme ease, as in ordinary seasons, from now to the beginning of December, a more active demand is generally looked for.

STERLING EXCHANGE to-day has if anything shown rather more firmness, although there is no apparent reason for it. In all probability the position is owing to an indisposition to do business, both on the part of buyers and sellers, each side being inclined to believe in an advantage in holding off; but there is no actual change in prospects, nor is the influences likely to affect the market. We quote:—

Bank Bill, on demand ..... 1s. 10 1/16d. per Rupee.
Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ..... 1s. 10¼d. „
Credits, 6 months' sight ..... 1s. 10¼d. „
Document Bills, 6 months' sight ... 1s. 10 9/16d. „

In demand bills on Calcutta a fair amount of business has been done at par, but 60 days' sight is unsalable at ⅛ discount.

GOVERNMENT PAPER is very flat; some sales of Fours have been made at Rs. 102¼; Fours and a half may be quoted nominally at Rs. 104¼; and Fives and a half at Rs. 109¾.

The SHARE MARKET has been rather less active to-day as regards Spinning and Weaving Companies, but neither in these nor in other denominations have prices altered materially.

COTTON is steady at unchanged rates. There is little buying going on, and arrivals from up-country are still smaller, the receipts for the past four days being only 581 bales. No further contracts have been made in new crop, but we may quote Hinglunghaut at its 220 and Good Fair Omrawuttee at Rs. 180 per candy.

FREIGHTS are unchanged at £1-18-9 by steamer.

PIECE GOODS although not in particularly active request are slightly better than yesterday, and in one or two descriptions there is rather more doing.

BANKS.

Paid-up Shares	Value per sh.	Paid up.	Div. last half-year.	Names.	Cash Balance per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.
150,000	100	all	5 per ct.	Agra Bank	28
80,000	1,000	all	120	Bank of Bengal	1,420
10,000	500	all	Do.	Do. of Bombay, New	1,255
10,000	500	250	150	Do. Old	1,300
8,750	1,000	all	2 per ct.	Do. of Madras	1,200
10,000	250	all	5 per ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London & China	302
25,000	1,000	all	12 per ct.	Hong-Kong & Shanghai Bank	600 nil
10,000	500	all	5 per ct.	Chartered Bk. of India	170
10,000	250	125	6 per ct.	National Bank of India	121
25,000	200	all	12 per ct.	Oriental Bank	84

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	5,000	all	2½ per ct.	Colaba Land Co.	3,000
8,000	100	all	Nil.	Byrne Land & Pier Co. Ld.	125
12,000	2,000	3,000	4 per ct.	Bombay Land	1,400
8,000	1,000	all	10 per ct.	Back Bay Reclamation Company, Limited	990

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

£20	£20	20	2 per ct.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	245
.....	£20	£19 10s	do.	Do. New 4% Shares	126
.....	£50	£17 10s	do.	Ditto	—
.....	£100	1,000	4 per ct.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,810
.....	£100	£91	4 per ct.	Do. New Shares	—

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

12?	1,200	all	10 per ct.	Alexandra Spinning	1,200
1,000	2,500	all	500	Albion Spinning	2,000
800	2,000	all	...	Johannesse M. & P. Co.	2,400
900	1,000	all	150 per ct.	Bombay United	1,625
1,000	1,000	all	100 per ct.	Bunder Mills	990
500	1,000	500	...	Colaba Spinning	1,100
2,400	1,000	all	150 per ct.	Dharumsey Spinning	1,365
1,500	125	all	125 per ct.	Fleming S. W. Co.	1,250
2,500	1,000	all	115 per ct.	Great Eastern	1,205
1,000	1,000	all	...	Hindustan S. W. Co.	1,150
800	1,000	all	100 per ct.	Imperial Indian Mills	1,120
1,000	1,000	500	...	Khandesh Spinning	1,300
800	1,200	1,000	...	Madras Spinning	1,175
800	1,000	650	50 per ct.	Madras S. Spinning	1,225
1,000	1,000	all	...	Mazagon Spinning	1,070
1,000	1,000	all	...	Muzzerkhi Petit's	1,070
1,000	1,000	all	125 per ct.	Morarjee Spinning	1,200
4,40	625	all	340	Oriental	875
900	1,250	250	...	Prince of Wales Spinning	1,270
500	1,000	1,000	150 per ct.	Sonderdas Spinning	1,070
500	1,000	95	3 per ct.	Do. Do. 1/4 share	410

* Per share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES.

100	5,000	2,500	100 per ct.	Albert Cotton Press Co.	1,750
200	2,000	1,100	100 per ct.	Albert Co. Karrachee	880
100	50	all	150 per ct.	Albert Ginning Co.	610
250	3,000	800	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	1,010
250	1,000	2,000	...	Alfred Mill's Co.	1,100
120	1,000	11,000	...	Apollo Press Co.	1,100
250	1,000	all	...	Bent Cotton G. & P. Co.	1,875
200	2,500	all	800 per ct.	Bombay Press Co.	1,425
200	500	all	...	Do. New	450
300	1,000	1,000	50 per ct.	Bromoh Cotton Co.	1,350
100	1,500	...	120 per ct.	Burmar Company	1,500
800	1,000	all	700 per ct.	Colaba Press Co.	1,450 nil.
800	2,000	all	250 per ct.	East India Press Co.	2,000
150	5,000	all	100 per ct.	Fort Press Co.	1,300
300	4,000	2,000	25 per ct.	Framjee Cowasjee Press Co.	175
300	500	all	100 per ct.	Hymet Press Co.	600
500	1,000	1,000	75 per ct.	Imperial Press Co.	875
200	400	250	60 per ct.	Kedgeree Press & G. Co.	170
200	2,000	3,000	...	Naval Press Manuf. Co. Ltd.	1,850
120	2,500	750	120 per ct.	Prince of Wales Press	1,750
200	500	all	...	Rustomjee's Press Co.	1,000
2 0	500	75	15 per ct.	Scinde Press Co.	480
200	1,000	150	...	Scindeand Punjab Gazette Press Co., Limited	900
1,0	1,000	1,0	Rs. ...	Do. ... Madras.	1,000
100	400	all	1 per ct.	Vic. Col. Gin & Press Co.	1,000
400	1,000	all	100 per ct.	Wallace's Unfold Press Co.	150

* Per share for the half-year.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE P. & O. s.s. GELONG arrived in Madras Roads from Calcutta on Friday with the following passengers:—For Southampton—Mrs. Shand and Infant, Mrs. Mira, Lieutenant S. K. Gordon, Lieutenant R. C. Hood, Mr. F. Hinde and Mr. DeMonte.

MESSRS. B. RUBATTINO & Co.'s ITALIAN MAIL STEAMER Persia sails to-morrow with the following passengers:—For Genoa—Captain and Mrs. Hennell, Mr. Crompton, one European maid, Mr. Maynard Keenan, and Mr. Morris Coleman, Father Luppi. For Leghorn—Captain E. H. Kelly. For Port Said—Mr. Tela Genero. For Naples—Mr. Giovanni Torre.

DEPARTURE.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
29	Albazul	Seely	Calcutta.

The Seaway (steamer) to Karrachee, was entered for loading for Bunder.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Sept. 25 (evening) ..... Calcutta.

DAILY IMPORTS—SEPTEMBER 29.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Parsee, s.s. 2,000 tons burthen, Harrychee Jairam; 3 cases and 1,000 bundles Iron from Khanderi Jetty.

FROM LONDON.

Rajah, s.s. 500 tons flat rail iron, Ghellabhoy Khanbhoy Memphis, s.s. 3 cases iron screw bolts, 18 cases and 4 cases iron wedges, 9 cases iron stocks, and 125 kegs iron nails, 2 spindles Alybhoy; 125 Fegetz's head, Ball, Brandenburgh and Co.; 4 cases candles, Kanajee Sewjee; Cursetjee Shapoor, 3 cases blacking, M. P. Writer.

FROM GOZO.

Persia, s.s. 6 casks brandy, Ball, Brandenburg and Co.; 75 cases liqueur, 3 Redlich; 2 cases brandy, Heerjeebhoy Manockjee.

DAILY EXPORTS—SEPTEMBER 29.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Parsee, s.s. 419 bales wool, Triumjee Hansraz; 3 bales cotton, Gordhandas Khatow and Co.; 99 bales wool, Ramsey Ramjee; 2 bales wool, Furmotun Kessowjee; 9 bales cotton, Y. K. Ghia and Co.; 1 case Hansraz Tapidas; 50 bales hemp, Nathoo Sookul rice, 378 bags linseed, Sonderdass Mooljee; 70 bales wool, P. H. & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Mootan, s.s. 1 bales indigo, Sheersetjeebhoy Futtybhoy; 13 cases chemicals, Meerjeebhoy Dossa; 43 gunny bales, Rustomjee Cowasjee; 20 bales gallingal and 35 packages coringa, Mooljee Gaudjee.

FOR MASSILLES.

Mirzee, s.s. 3,671 cwts wheat and 750 cwts. gingelly seed, Nanji Dedia.

Arabe, s.s. 3,000 cwts wheat and 1 bag wool, Framjee Dadabhoy and Co.

TARIFF.

Mamli, s. 150 bales cotton, G. Sing and Co.; 1 bales hides, Stearns Hobart and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Persia, s. 2 bales hides, G. Sing and Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Moultan, s. 1 box shawls, Manockbhoy M. Mooree.

FOR VENICE.

Mamli, s. 200 bales cotton, E. Spinner and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Delhi, s. 50 bales twist, E. D. Sassoon; 6 packages raisins, Luckhumdass Vissonundass and Co.; 30 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.; 24 chests opium, Leopold Narsingdass.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

Results of Meteorological Observations made at the Government Observatory Colaba. Latitude 18 deg. 53m. 42s N., Longitude 72 deg. 49m. 12·3 East. Height of Barometer above the Sea 37 feet.

Means of Observations taken at 8 A.M., 10 A.M., 2 P.M., 4 P.M. and 10 P.M.	September—1874. 21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	29·705	29·3	29·8	29·62	29·6	29·7	29·7
Temperature of the Air	79·6	80·1	78·1	78·8	81·4	83·0	82·7
Wet-bulb Thermometer	75·7	76·9	77·0	77·3	79·0	80·0	79·3
Dew Point	75·4	75·7	76·5	75·9	79·0	79·0	78·1
Relative Humidity of Air	90·0	87·2	94·9	91·1	92·4	88·9	95·0
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8.)	8·0	6·6	8·0	7·6	7·2	7·6	6·2
Maximum temperature of Air read at 9 A.M. on following day	79·7	82·5	80·8	81·8	84·2	86·1	86·6
Minimum temperature of Air read at 9 A.M. on following day	75·0	75·8	76·5	74·0	79·0	79·0	78·2
General Direction of Wind	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.
Total Movement in 24 hours	Miles. 173	Miles. 238	Miles. 280	Miles. 287	Miles. 248	Miles. 223	Miles. 185
Rain Gauge 2 feet above the ground	In. 1·98	In. 0·15	In. 1·25	In. 0·46	In. 0·00	In. 0·00	In. 0·00

Total fall of rain between 1st Jan. and 26th Sept. 82 inches 16 cents.

(a) N. WNW., NNE, NNW., NW., NNW., NE.
(b) ESE., E., NE., NW., WNW., NW.
NE., ENE., WNW., NW., WNW., NW., WNW.
WNW., W., SSW., SSE., WSW., WNW., WNW.
(c) WSW., W., WNW.
(d) W., WNW.
(e) WNW., W., WNW., NW.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CANNANORE, 26th September, 4 P.M.—Weather clear, wind north, thermometer 84, rainfall 35 cents.

CALICUT, 26th September, 1-51 P.M.—Weather cloudy, wind south-west, thermometer 78, barometer 29·95, rainfall 7 cents.

MANGALORE, 26th September, 11-30 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind east-south-west, thermometer (minimum 68, maximum 75, wet bulb 78, barometer 29·83, rainfall 23 cents.

TELLICHERRY, 26th September, 5 P.M.—Weather fair, wind east-south-east, thermometer 82, barometer 29·95.

VIZAGAPATAM, 26th September, 5 P.M.—Weather cloudy, wind south-west and S., thermometer 81.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORT.

KURRACHEE, 29th September, 8 A.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 24th September, 3-40 P.M., via Turkey, 26th September, 2 10 P.M. Latest dates from Continent of Europe, via Russia, 22nd September, 11-05 A.M., via Turkey, 26th September, 5-00 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Persia; Persian line right to London.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE—29TH SEPTEMBER, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 24th September, 5-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 2 minutes.

Via Suez, 25th September, 12-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 45 minutes.

Latest date from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 25th September, 11-32 A.M., Greenwich time. Time transit, 1 hour 33 minutes.

Via Turkey, —— September, 5-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time transit, 12 hours 17 minutes.

Via Suez, 26th September, 10-35 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 40 minutes.

Latest date from Australia.

Via Singapore, 27th September, 2 P.M. Time in transit, 7 hours 31 minutes.

The lines occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 25th to 8 P.M. of the 26th September is as follows:—

	May.	Min.
From Calcutta	5	3
„ Galle	5	10
„ Minicoy	9	39
„ Madras	1	0

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

In continuation of previous orders on the subject, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, acting with the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, to decide if the invalid and retiring pensions admissible to warrant officers while in India and in England shall be as follows:—

I.—Warrant officers invalided in India, after completion of the full or half period of service laid down in paragraph 10 of G. G. O. No. 80 of 1868, are entitled (see Sec. XXVII of Pay and Addl Code of 1849) while in India to the full invalid pension of their rank. If subsequently desirous of returning to England, those invalided after completing full periods of service, or (on leaving the establishment) be allowed the full retiring pension of their rank, whilst those invalided after having served half the periods in question will be entitled from date of embarkation to four-fifths of the retiring pension of their rank, as prescribed in G. G. O. No. 549 of 1868 for warrant officers invalided while on leave in England.

II.—Warrant officers invalided in India before they have served half the periods prescribed will only be allowed the invalid pension of the grades next below their own, and will, if desirous of returning to England, be entitled from date of embarkation to four-fifths of the retiring pensions of those grades.

III.—Warrant officers retiring (not invalided) in England or India with insufficient service to enable them to retire on the pension of their grade will be dealt with under the provisions of G. G. O. No. 426 of 1866. [*General Order by His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor-General of India in Council in the Military Department.* FORT WILLIAM, *the 17th April* 1866. *No.* 426 of 1866.—The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India has decided that all warrant officers, after twenty-one years' service, who are not entitled to the advantages of the Grade on account of insufficient service in the department, shall be allowed the pension of the rank next below that of Sub-Conductor, viz., that of Sergeant Major, being (2) two shillings and (6) six pence per diem, or forty-five pounds (12) twelve shillings and (6) six pence per annum, provided that the last five years of service shall have been in a rank superior to that of Sergeant.]

IV.—Warrant officers proceeding to England after being pensioned in India will be provided with the passage money of their rank or free passage under existing rules, but it must be distinctly understood that those who proceed to England after being invalided will have no claim to be considered to the invalid or Indian pension of their rank in the event of their returning to India.

The rates of pension of those warrant officers whose unfitness for active service may be caused by their own conduct or habits will be those laid down in G. G. O. No. 528 dated 7th June 1870.

ARRIVALS—SEPTEMBER 28.

Head, Lieut.-Col, Royal Artillery, from [illegible]

Gentleman, Surgeon, 43rd Regiment, on sick leave, from Poona.

SEPTEMBER 29.

Gentleman, Surgeon, 43rd Regiment, on sick leave, from Poona.

CENTRAL PROVINCES ORDERS.

(Central Provinces Gazette, Sept. 26.)

MR R GIBBON, Asst Comr, reported his arrival and assumed charge of his duties at Bhandara from Mr R H Finch, Asst Comr, on the 12th instant.

MR R H FINCH, Asst Comr, reported his arrival and assumed charge of his duties at Nagpur, on the 17th instant.

Furlough to Europe for nine months, is granted to Mr W B Jones, Offg Comr, Nagpur Division, from the date he may at such subsequent date as he may avail himself of the same, with the proviso that such subsidiary leave counting as privilege leave.

CAPT T H B BROOKE, Offg Supt, Jabalpur School of Industry and Central Jail, is relieved by Lieut Tuthen, will officiate as Judge, Small Cause Court, Jabalpur. Mr F Wenning, Offg Judge Small Cause Court, Jabalpur, on being relieved by Capt Brooke, will officiate temporarily as Dep Comr of Seoni.

MR H HOOPER, Ex Engr, and grade, is transferred from the Punch Irrigation to be Kalinga Division, Building and Roads Branch, for special duty. The transfer to have effect from the 15th proximo.

PUNJAB GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Punjab Government Gazette, Sept 24.)

MR GUY ROBINSON, Asst Comr, having reported his arrival at Rawlpur, on return from furlough, is re-appointed as Asst Comr of the third class in the Punjab.

MR C UT Robinson, Asst Comr, is to officiate as Deputy Commissioner, on being relieved by Major Keyes, of the district, with effect from the 19th instant.

MR T H THORNTON, D C L, took over charge of his duties as Secy to Govt, Punjab and its Dependencies, from Mr C M Rivaz, on the 5th September 1874.

MR C M RIVAZ took over charge of his duties as Offg Under-Secy to Govt, Punjab and its Dependencies, from Mr C L Tupper on the 5th Sept 1874.

THE HON'BLE COLONEL CHARLES J MACDONALD, has obtained privilege leave of absence for three months, from the 1st Oct 1874, or further date as he may avail himself of the same.

MR T H HENDON, Dist Supt of Police, is transferred from the Hissar to the Gurgaon district.

MR J M HORDON, Dist Supt of Police, has obtained short leave of absence, with effect from such date as he may avail himself of the same.

MR W HOPE TINDALE, Asst Dist Supt of police, to officiate as Dist Supt of Police, Amritsar, vice Mr H McAndrew, on leave.

MR HOOPER the Head-Quarters has been placed at the disposal of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay.

The following Order is confirmed:—

3rd Punjab Cavalry—Regimental Order, dated 16th May 1874, countersigned in Punjab Order, No 107, dated 2nd June 1874, is altered as under:—

Capt A Vivian, 3rd to Command Squadron Officers, for ... Commd.

Capt C Egerton, to officiate as 2nd in Command ... Officer, until relieved by Capt R H Lockwood.

Capt R H Lockwood, 1st Squadron Subn, to officiate as 2nd in Command Squadron Officer, in addition to his own duty, from the date of his rejoining from garrison course of instruction.

MR W Hughes, Asst, 2nd grade P W Dept, is transferred, from the Indus Division to the 2nd Division, Ambalah and Lahore Roads, which he joined on the 15th inst in r.

With the approval of the Govt of India, Capt E R K Palmer, R.E. Supdt Upper Sirhind Canal, has granted the following additions to his present leave:—

In addition to his own duties, during the absence of Mr F D Simpson on privilege leave.

MR J F JOFFERY, Asst Engr, 1st grade, attached to the Delhi Executive, Western Jumna Canal is allowed forty-five days' privilege leave from the afternoon of the 4th Sept 1874. This cancels Punjab Govt, Irrigation Branch, Notification dated 8th July last.

MR C M H. FIELD, Asst Engr, 2nd grade, attached to the 3rd Division, Bari Doab Canal has passed the ... examination in Hindustani.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(Gazette of India, September 26.)

MR H C BTanner, Deputy Supt of Revenue Survey, 3rd grade, is allowed one month's furlough leave commencing from the 10th Sept., 1874, or such date as he may avail himself of it.

Privilege leave for one and a half month is granted to Mr W H Nicholl, Asst Surveyor, from the 23rd Sept., 1874.

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Mr R B Flindell, a Supt of the 3rd grade, is allowed furlough for two years.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Military Works.

Capt S W Jenner, R. E. Ex Engr, Special Military Works, Branch, is granted three months' leave to study the native language, with effect from 8th Sept.

Lieut J F Gerrard, R. E., Asst Engr, 2nd grade, to officiate as Ex Engr of the Meerut Division Military Works, in the forenoon of the 10th Aug 1874, during the absence of Capt W H Beckett on privilege leave.

This cancels this office Notification No. 24 of 1st Aug 1874.

Privilege leave of absence for two months is granted to Capt E D Manderson, R.E. Ex Engr 2nd Peshawur Division, Military Works. Capt Manderson availed himself thereof on the 12th instant.

Lieut W G Nicholson, R.E. Asst Engr, 1st grade, appointed to officiate as Ex Engr, 2nd Peshawur Division, Military Works, during the absence on leave of Capt Manderson, R.E., subject to concurrence by the Govt of India. Lieut Nicholson assumed charge on the 11th instant.

DIRECTION OF STATE RAILWAYS.

Lieutenant R Scott, R.E., is posted to the Punjab Northern State Railway.

PUNJAB NORTHERN (STATE) RAILWAY.

Mr M S Tooley, Ex Engr, 4th grade, is transferred, for the benefit of the public service, from the Chenab Section to the Labore and Chenab Division of the Survey Circle, which Division he joined on the 8th Septr 1874.

NERBUDDA (STATE) RAILWAY.

The Offg Controller, P W Accounts, Central India, made over and the Dep Controller, State Railway Accounts, Central India, received charge of the Nerbudda State Railway Accounts on the 16th Sept 1874, in accordance with Govt of India, P W Dept, Resolution dated 31st Aug 1874.

CONSTRUCTION EXAMINER'S OFFICE—GUARANTEED RAILWAYS.

Capt C H. Moberly, Examiner of Railway Accounts to the Govt of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, made over, and Mr E Morrison, Asst Examiner of Railway Accounts, received, charge of the Office of Govt Examiner of Railway Accounts on the afternoon of 14th Sept 1874.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to make the following promotions in the British Burmah Police, with effect from the 6th instant, the date on which Lieut Col J Duvel, Supt of Police, 1st grade retired from the service:—

Capt C A Maspero, Supt, 2nd grade, and Offg Supt, 1st grade, is confirmed in the latter appointment; Capt R Houghton, Supt, 3rd grade and Offg Supt, 2nd grade, is confirmed in the latter appointment; Mr G D Anderson, Supt, 4th grade and Offg Supt, 3rd grade, is confirmed in the latter appointment; Mr B H Patton, Supt, 4th grade, and Offg Supt, 4th grade is confirmed in the latter appointment; Mr R Rodwell, Asst Supt and Offg Supt, 5th grade is confirmed in the latter appointment and Mr W Hennessy, Asst Supt, is confirmed in his appointment.

This order cancels the Notification No 435, dated 2nd July last.

The following Extract, from a Despatch from H M's Secy of State for India, dated the 27th August 1874, is published for general information:—

"The undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed Members of the Bengal Civil Service in the following order and to the Divisions of your Government placed against their names:—

Mr Hugh Thicknesse Barnes, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Rodawe John Kitts, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Francis Lorraine Petree, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr John Delabere Inverarity, Bengal; Mr Cecil Michael Wilford Bratt, Bengal; Mr William Dunbar Blyth, Bengal; Mr Robert Lennox Thomson, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Francis Henry Harding, Bengal; Mr Joseph Kennedy, Bengal; Mr Henry Savage, Bengal; Mr James Ramsay Drummond, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Hugh Fraser, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr William Garstin Jackson, Bengal; Mr Henry Hyde Hudson, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr John Alexander Anderson, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Henry Arthur Lee Bengal; Mr Robert Christie, Bengal; Mr Percival Nelson Longdon, Bengal; Mr Frederick Beaumont Tolley, Bengal; Mr Lionel Norton Bengal; Mr Arthur Edwin Comerford Cassey, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr Alexander Cecil Dalrymple, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh; Mr William Tolbert Millar, Bengal; and Mr Robert Fergusson Gibson, N W Provinces, Punjab, and Oudh.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to make the following appointments and promotions in the British Burmah Commission:—

Mr E Richardson, Extra Asst Comr, 1st class, 1st grade, to be Senior Extra Asst Comr: Mr A L Hooth, Sub-Asst Comr of Myaungmya, to be an Extra Asst Comr, 1st class, 1st grade; Mr G E Barr, Asst Revenue Settlement Officer on probation, to be an Extra Asst Comr, 2nd class, 1st grade; Maung Shway Loo, Extra Asst Comr, 2nd class, 2nd grade, to be Extra Asst Comr, 1st class, 1st grade; Maung Tu Doe, Maung Bwah, Maung Gan, Maung Wyay, and Maung Kyoo, Akhoonwoons, to be Extra Asst Comrs, 2nd class, 2nd grade.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Her Majesty's Approval—Brevet-Captain Philip Durham Anderson, Madras Cavalry, to be Major, from 16th July 1874, in succession to Genl M. G. Anderson, deceased.

The undermentioned officers (Staff Corps), having completed twelve years' service, are promoted to the rank of Lieut-Colonel from the dates specified, subject to Her Majesty's approval—Lieut-Col (George Herbert Murray Ainslie), M S C, 13th Sept 1874.

The undermentioned Officer of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed full general service, is promoted to the rank of Lieut-Col from the date specified, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

Maj (Brev Lieut-Col) Harry Hamilton Lyster, V C, 20th Sept 1874.

The undermentioned Officer of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed twenty years' service, is promoted to the rank of Maj from the date specified, subject to Her Majesty's approval—

Capt (Brevet Major) Vincent Bivar, B S C, 12th Sept 1874.

Capt V Bivar, B S C, promoted to the rank of Capt is permitted to retain the appointment of Qr Mr of the 4th Sikh Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force, with which office from first joined.

The undermentioned officers is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with rank from the dates specified, subject to the confirmation of the Rt Hon the Secy of State for India:—

Lieut Harry Murray MacKenzie, of the 31st Hussars, and Lieut Francis Scott, 9th Bengal Cavalry, 7th June 1873.

The services of Capt (Brev Maj) G W O'Flowder, B S C, Offg Supdt Sonthal Pergunnahs, are placed at the disposal of the Government of the N W Provinces

His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to make the following promotions:—

HORSE AND FOOT GUARDS—3rd Cavalry.

Capt H S Stewart, Adjutant, to officiate as 2nd in Command during the absence on sick certificate to Europe of Capt G Cuppage, or until further orders.

Lieut H E Rose, Squadr Subn (on probation), to officiate as Adjt, vice Capt H S Stewart.

The under-mention d officer is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs:—

Surgy Senqn Genl Henry Burges Boake, C B, of the Medical Dept,—for six months.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to Marine Dept Notification, dated the 14th Sept 1874, the services of Mr C J Wortley and Mr J—S Morgan are to be considered as placed at the disposal of the Dept of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, with effect from the date on which they may be transferred to the Sea Surveys, instead of from the date previously notified.

Under instructions from the Rt Hon the Secy of State for India, the Hon'ble the Govr General in Council is pleased to notify that table money, in accordance with the following scale, will be paid by the Indian Govt for the entertainment of its officers on board H M ships of War employed in the Indian seas:—

	Chief's on both sides.	Officers 16 and 7 years.	Under 7 years.
	P. diem. £ s. d.	P. diem. £ s. d.	P. diem. £ s. d.
Governor	64 per diem for first 7 days.		
Commander-in-Chief	£1-1-per diem afterwards.	0 14 0	0 7 0	0 3 6
Members of Council	£3 per diem, for first 7 days.		
Bishops	£1-1 per diem, afterwards.	0 14 0	0 7 0	0 3 6
Political Residents			
Commissioners	£2-1 per diem for first 14 days.		
Political Agents		0 14 0	0 7 0	0 3 6
Secretaries to Government	£2-15 per diem, afterwards.		
General Officers			
Consuls		0 10 0	0 5 0	0 2 6
Officers on the Staff and other Officers of Rank entitling them to places at the Captain's Table or at the Lieutenants' mess.	£1-10 per diem for every day.		

In the case of officers who are not specifically provided for in the above-mentioned scale of charges, the rate to be paid should be regulated by the relative rank of such officers.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr E K Williams resumed charge of the Office of Executive Engineer of Railway Accounts, Madras, from Mr Quinlan, on the forenoon of the 24th Aug 1874.

Mr R PO'Connor is appointed an Asst, 4th grade, on probation, and posted to British Burmah.

The undermentioned passed students of the Presidency College Calcutta are appointed to the P W Dept in the grades specified and posted as follows:—

Mr A G Brenner, Asst Engr, 3rd Grade, and Mr W P Milne, Extra Engineer, 1st Grade, to Bengal Presidency.

Mr W W Stanley, Asst Engr, 1st Grade, Southern Bengal State Railways, appointed to officiate as Asst Secy to the Govt of India, P W Dept, during the absence of Mr Thorpe on leave until further orders. Mr Thorpe joined his appointment on the 19th Sept 1874.

The services of Mr C H Goodhue, Asst Engr, 3rd grade, Indus Valley State Railway, are dispensed with from 30th Aug 1874.

In confirmation of P W Dept Notification No 511 of 10th September 1874, the following are posted to the Engr Establishment of Mr Burne, 1st grade:—

Asst Engrs, 1st grade: Mr J Bell, from Punjab Railways to Midland Railway; Mr A Bruce, from Punjab Railways to Midland Railway; Mr W H Hopkinson, from British Burmah to Central India; Mr A W De Castro, from British Burmah to Assam; Mr R W Cox, on loan from British Burmah to Hyderabad, and Mr E Greenfield, from Mysore, Mr G K Bayley, from Mysore, to Central Provinces.

Capt H B E Carey, R.E., Asst Engr, 1st grade, Punjab, is appointed to officiate as Asst Controller of P W Accounts, Punjab, Capt Carey joined the appointment on the forenoon 7th Sept 1874.

Errata—In P W Dept Notification No 510 of 10th Sept 1874, the following corrections should be made:—

APPENDIX A.

Total number of Surp Engrs for N W Provinces, Irrigation, from "4" read "1."

Number of Surp Engrs, 2nd grade, for State Railways under Director, from "4" read "5."

Number of Surp Engrs, 2nd grade, for State Railways not under Director, from "1" read "2nd grade and 3 3rd grade" to "one 2nd grade and 1 3rd grade."

Add "1 Surp Engr, 2nd grade, for Establishment for Govt control of Guarantee Railways."

APPENDIX B.

Under "Present" Assistants, after detail for "1" to "1" read "2."

Under "Assistants" to "2" read "3."

Under "Sergeants" to be eventually established, "Engr-Sergeants, 2nd grade, 1 under Director, 1 under Superintendent, 2 under Executive Engineers, 1 under Assistant." After "Draftsmen" read "1 Chief, 2 Assistants."

After "Surveyors" read "1 Chief, 2 Assistants."

Add "1 Head Sergeant, Engr-Sergeant, 1st grade, for Establishment for Govt control of Guarantee Railways."

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It is not long since, we hear, that Mr. Shaw Stewart, [illegible] Commissioner of Customs at [illegible], who [illegible] office on the 9th of October, and who has returned from ill-health for some time, this year, will go home before the end of this year.

The [illegible] drawn upon India by the Secretary of State in the year 1874-75 to the end of September 1875, including bills drawn before 1st April 1874 but paid since that date or still outstanding, amounts to Rs. 3[illegible],970, which is less than that estimated by Rs. 3,437.

The Madras Tramway Company we read, have commenced extending the line from Chooley to Hunter's road, Vepery. Judging from the extension [illegible] which is now occupied by our own line [illegible] of the management here [illegible].

We understand that Mr. Jehangir Jamsi, Sub-Agent of the Austro-Hungarian "Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company" in Bombay, who was for a long time attached to the Company's Agency in Constantinople, has just received the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidie of the 4th class.

H. M. Surveying Brig Investigator, under the command of Percy Vedmore R. N., has again taken up her old moorings off the Apollo Bunder. She left Hog Island a few days since, taking a trip round the harbour for the purpose of working her engines. People wishing to see this fine ship can do so by applying direct to the commander.

The death is reported, at Coimbatur, of Captain G. W. Maxfield, of the 8th Regt., who was on detachment duty at that station. The deceased had been for some days suffering from typhoid fever, and on Wednesday night succumbed to its effects. Surgeon-Major Watson, who is in medical charge at Coimbatur, is also seriously ill with fever at that station.

The Resident, the Superintendent of the Jaboree paper says, it is reported from Swat that Azul Khan and Sheer Dil Khan are still fighting over the territory they both claim. The Khan of Dheer is said to have raised Sheer Dil Khan by sending him 1,000 men. The Nawab of Swat is laying in immense stores of rice and ghee for the marriage festival of his son, which is to be conducted on a scale of great magnificence.

The Punjab Government has declared that six months' residence, together with the payment of land tax to the Municipality, or of Rs. [illegible] as house rent, or the enjoyment of a monthly salary of Rs. 75, will entitle Europeans and Eurasians to the privilege of voting, or being voted for, in the election of municipal representatives. The first election under the new rules will take place on the 16th proximo.

The death-rate of the Punjab continued to rise up to the date of the last published reports. The total deaths for the three weeks ending 15th, 22nd, and 29th of August were 5,716, 5,963, and 6,301 respectively. Small-pox mortality was nearly stationary; the deaths [illegible] from this disease were [illegible] as compared with 12[illegible] in the previous week. Fifty-five, or very nearly one-half of the total, small-pox deaths occurred in the Umballa district.

The Secretary of State having recently sanctioned the appointment of a second chaplain to Meerut, the post was offered to the Rev. Allan Ramsay, chaplain of Agra, and he was to have entered on his duties there early in January next. The Agra paper tells us, however, that certain changes have just taken place in the Ecclesiastical Department, which will postpone indefinitely the appointment of a second chaplain to Meerut.

A Bombay paper has been informed, that the delay in carrying out the sentence of death passed upon the sepoy of the 30th N. I., and alluded to in our issue of yesterday, is owing to the condemned man having appealed to the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor of Madras, and the Governor General in Council, by telegraph, intimating his desire to appeal against the justice of the sentence, and that orders had in consequence been received to defer the execution pending further orders.

The Viceroy in Council has revised and consolidated the various conditions issued by agreement between the British Government and the Maharajahs of Jeypore and Jodhpore since the establishment of the Sambhar Lake Court about the year 1870. The local limits of the Court's jurisdiction embrace a strip of territory, averaging [illegible] in width from high water mark, and extending all round the lake. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs for the time being acts as Judge of the Court. The Agent to the Governor-General for the Rajpootana States has the right of hearing appeals against sentences passed for smuggling, stealing, and illicit manufacture of salt.

It may probably be taken as a favourable omen by the advocates of a second ganges canal way from Ahmedabad to Ajmere, that Mr. F. Mathew (Chief Engineer of the B. [illegible] Railway) has been called upon [illegible] to prepare a paper for the information of the [illegible] subject, the second question to be [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

were the Khan's state chair, correctly, "done by the unworthy Mahomed, in the time of Mahomed Rahim, Shah of Khorassan, in the year 1231 [illegible] from chrate open and empty, save one, which had in it some 30lb. of Khivan silver, and another in, which were saddle, bridle, and harness plated with gold, set with emerald, rubies, and turquoise. Then there were swords, dagger-, guns, pistols, revolvers of every conceivable [illegible] and description, splendid old matchlocks beautifully inlaid with gold; a double-barrelled English breech-loading rifle, a present from some Northbrook; a field-glass; a musical box, and several other little things from the same donor, and beside these a letter written in 1872 by his [illegible] to the Khan in reply to his demand for help against the Russians, which we hope the latter did not think at all contravened by the gifts in question. There were English salvers; broad, slightly-curved blades of Khorassan, beautifully inlaid with gold; slender Persian scimitars, with turquoise and emerald studded scabbards; poignards and knives from Afghanistan in richly jewelled cases; bright carpets, silk coverlets Cashmere shawls, cushions, pillows, carpets. There were some pretty pickings there. And the Khan's "Library"? It was in a large and small dark room, which contained about 300 volumes of books—many very curious and valuable, and all now in St. Petersburg—as well as all sorts of lumber, chain and plate armour, half a dozen telescopes, pottery, bows and arrows, iron, and pigs of lead. Among the armour was a pair of gauntlets, on which was a lily inlaid in gold, besides which had been traced a crescent of much later and richer workmanship, and we may speculate as we please on the history of that trophy, though we can scarce believe it came direct from France on the hands of a knight who fell before the sharp scimitar of the Saracen. There were still adventures left for Mr. MacGahan. Though the gates of the Harem, before which two sentries were placed, he beheld a crowd of women and children clamouring and weeping as if they were on the point of being led to execution. There were old and young, pretty and ugly, sweet girls of fifteen, and hags apparently a hundred and fifty. All their grief resolved itself into passionate demands to be let go out into the town, and when that request was refused they cried for something to eat and drink. Water and pilaff were brought to the doors, which they took, and therewithal. The doors were shut, but Mr. MacGahan was haunted by the face of "one who alone had remained calm"—about 18, of medium size, with a clear, very aquiline nose showing her

"Circassian origin, broad low forehead, round face, black hair, and large dark eyes. Her quiet firmness, tranquil air of authority, and noble appearance contrasted me, in spite of his old ragged khalat, who were over head and shoulders, that she was the sultana of the harem. She spoke to her half-demented companions in an authoritative, modulated manner, and conversed with the officer in a straightforward, sensible way, that impressed us all very favourably. She turned her eyes towards me several times in a half-imploring way, as though she would have spoken to me. I never in my life before so much regretted my ignorance of an unknown tongue. . . . The dark eyes of this woman haunted me after she had disappeared. I could not forget her calm, majestic figure, as she stood in the midst of the enemies of her race and religion, with weeping women and children relying upon her for protection, and I determined to communicate with her and help her, if possible."

How this design was effected is told in a way which has a strange smack of the *Arabian Nights* about it—a silent, breathless wandering through intricate passages, up dark towers, along battlements with sentinels above and sleeping Generals in the court below, within the conquered city, the flat mud roofs [illegible]

[illegible] of poplars and prairies covered with a rich growth of grass and thicket of underwood. Not a soul was to be seen. The houses were generally low-round, enclosures, comprising stables and winter dwellings beneath one roof, with a kibitka, or felt tent or two placed inside. While the Infantry continued their march along the road the Cossack dashed forward and spread out all over the fields. The author then tells us the story we are musing on the quietness and desolation of the scene, when he was startled by a sharp crackling sound, and, looking round, beheld a [illegible] flame darting upward from the roof of the house into which he had just been peering, and smoke from the stack of nicely gathered unthreshed wheat near it. The dry straw thatch flashed up like powder, and the wheat-straw burnt almost as readily. Huge volumes of dense smoke soon rose above the trees in every direction and rolled overhead, in ominous clouds, coloured by the fiery glare from the flames below. In an incredibly short space of time fire and smoke spread to the horizon. To the right hand, the Cossacks, hopeless diligence and dying cows were like the very demons, dashed over the plain, leaving behind them sheets of seething flame and darkening smoke. "The entire country was on fire." In half an hour the sun was hidden, the sky grew dark, and as though the sudden lighting of so many fires had produced the change, rain, acting almost unknown in Khiva, began to fall slow and drizzling, not sufficient to put out the flames, but driving down the smoke and making it hang over the trees in heavy sullen masses, forming a lowering background to the blood-coloured fires. At noon the advance guard encountered a body of men on horseback. They were Yomuds. When asked what they wanted they replied that "they wished to know why the Russians were invading their country?" Of course, an advance guard is not plenipotentiary, and in reference to the General in the rear was not likely to be attended to by men who knew already their Ambassadors had been seized and put in prison. "If the Russians overrun our country, they exclaimed," we shall fight." That was exactly what the Russians wanted, and when the Turcomans galloped off to their fellows, the cavalry were let slip at a mass of men, women, and children, horses, camels, sheep, goats, and cattle, all rushing forward in wild, frightened confusion towards the north to escape from the invaders. Six thousand Cossacks, led by Prince Eugene in this noble charge, swooped down on the horde of fugitives, which broke up its compact mass and streamed away in an agony of terror. There were shouts and cries—a scattering discharge of firearms, and the Cossacks, their lines broken by abandoned carts and impeded by the terrified animals running madly over the plain, were in among the mob. The scene may be well imagined by those who turn to the vivid word-picture of our author—women and children crowded in the midst of their household ruin, sobbing piteously and begging for mercy; men dead and dying; a rank of Cossacks sabring, shooting, and lancing their miserable prey to the ravage of a tumult, where women and children, up to their necks in water, are trying to hide among the weed and grass, or beg for their lives and scream most pitifully.

"A few yards farther on there are four Cossacks around a Turcoman. He has already been beaten to his knees, and weapon he has none. Four sabres that are hacking at him he can offer only the resistance of his arms; but he utters no word of entreaty. It is terrible! Blow after blow they shower down on his head without avail, as though their sabres were thin air. What could they have done? Is there no pity in their arms? At last, after what seems an age to me, he falls prone in the water, with a terrible wound in the neck, and the Cossacks pull off. . . . A good-looking [illegible] Turcoman, about 30 years of age, was standing [illegible] his own subjects were flocking to Sir Richard Meade to bear witness against the tyrant, he kept on still wasting, with criminal profusion, all the money he could squeeze out of the country, he was still surrounded by the millions, and he still indulged openly in the wildest freaks of Oriental voluptuousness. Scarcely had the Commission ceased sitting, when, against every voice of advice, he married [illegible] wife of another man, one of the poor subjects [illegible] Nor did [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] at Baroda to receive him on the [illegible] while the inhabitants of the [illegible] plains of Baroda and of the [illegible] towns [illegible] in a state of wretched [illegible]. Under the [illegible] unendurable taxes had been imposed, and the [illegible] was thoroughly intimidated. The Gaekwar travels hither and thither in barbarous pomp, surrounded by an enormous retinue, which has had such an effect on the country as a swarm of locusts would have had. Where he goes through a town the women rush to their houses, and bolt and bar the doors, and close the windows, in order to keep out of the sight of the princely voluptuary. But such a state of affairs must have an end, and the end appears [illegible]

[illegible] of the Baroda Commission has been laid before the Governor-General of India in Council, and has received due consideration. The report is, of course, adverse to the Gaekwar, although it was said that the Commissioners generally [illegible] Mulharrao was from the first noted to be, simply half idle voluptuary, half shallow schemer. For many years Mulharrao languished in his Gazerat dungeon, when, suddenly and unexpectedly, one day he found himself the rich ruler of enormous territories. His brother had died, leaving no male issue, and the British Government promptly elevated the obscure prisoner to the throne of the great Mahratta Shepherd-Kings of Western India. The weak brain of Mulharrao seemed to be completely turned. His first acts on his accession to the musnud were those of dissipation, extravagance, debauchery, and revenge. Every one whom he supposed to have aided in his imprisonment was ruthlessly hunted down. Nearly every favourite of the former ruler was regarded as an enemy. Everything in the Principality was turned upside down. Swarms of low-born flatterers gathered like moths round the newly-risen light. The business of the court seemed chiefly to consist in the witnessing of nautches and obscene shows. The new ruler wrapt his whole soul in the contemplation of tawdry or foolish displays. The glitter of tinsel, the continual discordant noise of native bands, the perpetual letting off of fireworks, spectacles of elephant fighting, jugglery and puppet-shows—on these was Mulharrao's thoughts everlastingly set. All Western India heard of the magnificent shamelessness of the Baroda Princes. Added to all this, the Gaekwar resumed his old plots and schemes; but now they were directed against the British Government.

He could not be satisfied with his position, lofty as it was. He must rise still higher—he must be supreme. He must be acknowledged as a mightier and greater potentate than any in India. He must have a more imposing salute; may, further, he must, in open durbar, be acknowledged the Superior of the Representative in India of her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain. But Mulharrao was going too far. A storm of indignation swept over the Anglo-Indian world, and the Indian press almost unanimously demanded an inquiry into the condition of the Baroda Protectorate. The Government of India did not resist the appeal. The Gaekwar's lavish squandering of money which he was mercilessly wringing from his impoverished subjects by acts of unbounded cruelty, his vain folly, his pride, idleness, debauchery, his schemes and preposterous pretensions, were all only too well known to the Supreme Government at Calcutta. [illegible] was duly published, in proof of the [illegible] Commission was duly published, in proof of the [illegible] Court of Bombay, [illegible] Sir [illegible] Colonel [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Commissioner of Mysore, was [illegible] and [illegible] the Grand Jurymen and [illegible] [illegible] pay [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]